

REMARKS

The claims are 26-66. They are supported by original claims 1-2, 4-5, and 7-25. The original claims have been re-drafted to overcome the rejections, to simplify the claim language, and to correct some typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Withdrawn claims 3 and 6 are canceled without prejudice to applicants' rights thereto.

Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, and 19 are rejected for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The rejection is moot in view of the re-drafted claims.

The claims are provisionally rejected for double patenting over several patents and patent applications. It is requested that the rejections be held in abeyance until all otherwise patentable subject matter has been identified.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 12-15, and 17-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over US 2002/0132749 in view of Popplewell (US 2004/0071742). However, claims 10 and 11 and claim 16 are objected-to and said to be allowable in re-written form. The claims have now been re-written as claims 26-44 (which incorporate the limitations of claims 10 and 11) and claims 45-66 (which incorporate the limitations of claim 16).

The aqueous composition of claim 26 is limited to the cationic polyamine of claim 10 in component (d).

Claim 45 has been limited to non-aqueous compositions, which is consistent with the Examiner's reason for allowability on page 9 of the Action. In re-drafted claim 57, claim 15 has been limited to a powder form. Allowable claim 16 has been re-drafted as claim 58.

It is requested that the Examiner sign and return forms PTO-1449 (2 sheets) submitted with the IDS submitted on September 20, 2004 and received in the Office mailroom on September 23, 2004.

It is requested that the amendment be entered and that the Examiner reconsider the rejection in view of the amendment and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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